

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed remarks provided with the Advisory Action mailed May 10, 2011. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertion that a special meaning should be applied to the use of the term "work" in the Humpish references, i.e. as asserted by the Examiner in paragraph 5 of the Advisory Action, "the definition or calculation of 'work' [in Humpish] differs from the common definition". Applicant continues to view Humpish as teaching the use of a work calculation, without any special definition thereof, and continues to believe this method is distinct from the present claims.

However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant has amended the claims herein to recite that the claimed processor is coupled to a flow valve and determines whether to discharge fluid into the mixing drum based upon a computed slump of the material. New claims 28 which as been added recites this concept as well. There is no disclosure in the cited Humpish reference that shows this feature or suggests anything similar. At best, Humpish uses a flow meter to measure water or admixture, but Humpish never mentions a flow valve that is operated in an automated manner to discharge fluid into the mixing drum in certain conditions.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000, under Order No. RSSO-02US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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